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| Applicant(s): | Emery W. Dilling |) | |
| Title: | PROSTHETIC AORTIC VALVE |) | CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/ MAILING |
| Art Unit: | 3738 |) | I hereby certify that this paper is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO, Fax No. (703) 872-9302, or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this date. |
| Examiner: | Thomas C. Barrett |) | <hr/> 08/02/2004 |
| Attorney Docket No.: | 71738/5841 |) | Date Karin E. Harden |
| Customer No.: | 22242 |) | |

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under 37 CFR §1.136(a) for an extension of time for reply in the above-identified application for the period required to make the accompanying reply timely, or, if there be no accompanying reply, for the period for which the fee is indicated or the period necessary to prevent abandonment of the above-identified application if longer than the period for which the fee is indicated.

Extension fee for reply within first month:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> By a small entity (§1.9(f)) | \$ 55.00 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> By other than a small entity | \$ 110.00 |

Extension fee for reply within second month:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> By a small entity (§1.9(f)) | \$ 210.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> By other than a small entity | \$ 420.00 |

Extension fee for reply within third month:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> By a small entity (§1.9(f)) | \$ 475.00 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> By other than a small entity | \$ 950.00 |

Extension fee for reply within fourth month:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> By a small entity (§1.9(f)) | \$ 740.00 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> By other than a small entity | \$1,480.00 |

Extension fee for reply within fifth month:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> By a small entity (§1.9(f)) | \$ 1,005.00 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> By other than a small entity | \$2,010.00 |

A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the extension fee is enclosed.

Charge \$ 210.00 to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.

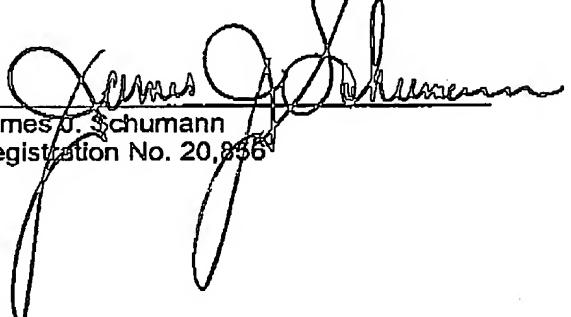
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Application No. 10/028,336
Amendment dated August 2, 2004
Reply to Office Action of March 16, 2004

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17 during its entire pendency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1135. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, the Director is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1135. This sheet is filed in duplicate.

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